

# Beijing at ten

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## **Statement by the Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women**

The Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women made the following statement after a Declaration was adopted without a vote by government representatives at the 49th session of the Commission on the Status of Women:

“I am extremely pleased and grateful for the spirit of cooperation that all delegates have shown throughout the past two weeks as we tried to arrive at agreement on this concise and powerful declaration.

“The declaration is an unqualified and unconditional reaffirmation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and a pledge of further action for full and accelerated implementation of Beijing.

“It is also a strong call for the integration of a gender perspective in the high-level plenary meeting in September this year on the Millennium Development Goals.

“The delegates who are returning home after today, including the many ministers who have stayed throughout the week for the adoption of the Declaration, will be able to take this positive reaffirmation back to their constituencies and celebrate International Women’s Day next Tuesday at home.”

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Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women

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